

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1018

Introduced by: Representatives Elliott, Blake, Gibson, Kloucek, Rozum, Schaefer, Sigdestad, and Street and Senators Buhl, Rave, and Tieszen

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring best-selling author, J.A. Jance.

WHEREAS, J.A. Jance was born in Watertown, South Dakota, and lived for a short time on a farm near Marvin, South Dakota. She moved to Arizona with her parents because her father needed to be in a hot, dry climate for health reasons; and

WHEREAS, J.A. Jance fondly remembers summers in South Dakota visiting Mount Rushmore, petting the burros, fishing on Big Stone Lake with her maternal grandfather, Fourth of July celebrations in Milbank, climbing in the haymow on her aunt and uncle's farm at the age of four, and accidentally wrecking her cousin's cowboy chaps; and

WHEREAS, J.A. Jance has never forgotten her roots and mentions in her short biographical sketch in the back of her books that she was born in South Dakota. She relishes the fact that she grew up with South Dakota values, such as hard work, honoring one's parents, being a good friend, and never giving up. She still loves life, but lutefisk — not so much; and

WHEREAS, J.A. Jance triumphed over adversity to become a writer. She has been a *New York Times* best-selling author for years with her characters J.P. Beaumont, Ali Reynolds, and Joanna Brady:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that J.A. Jance is recognized as a daughter of South Dakota and congratulated for her many achievements over her lifetime.

